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**RE: Clean Closure Status of IHSS 217 (Cyanide Hood) at OU-15**

Dear Mr. Schassburger,

The Division has been informed by EG&G staff of a potential oversight in our March 31, 1994 comments to the Draft Operable Unit 15 - Technical Memorandum No. 1 regarding the need for verification sampling to meet clean closure standards at IHSS 217 (Cyanide Hood).

The Division incorrectly stated in our general comment, Determination of Clean Closure Performance Status, that rinsate samples from IHSS 217 did not contain cyanide. Cyanide was in fact detected in rinsate samples from within IHSS 217. This observation lead to an incorrect conclusion regarding the need for verification sampling at IHSS 217. Due to the fact that cyanide was detected, verification sampling for cyanide will be necessary to meet clean closure standards at IHSS 217. Verification sampling at IHSS 217 should be limited to cyanide.

It is the Division's understanding that this oversight was identified prior to implementing verification sampling and impacts to the sampling schedule will be minimal.

If you have any questions, please call Jeff Swanson of my staff at 692-3416.

Sincerely,

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